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D/LOS * 1. ARA transmit cables forwarded under XR 7718215.
2. Copy receipt Embassy confirmation passenger release, 5/12/77, in consultation w/ ARA should be forwarded to background.
3. ARA should prepare memo to w/ Brzezinski re: reporting on activities of students.

Due Date in S/S: 7-3-ecb 7/13/77

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Recognition of Improvements in
Human Rights

The following is based on a conversation I had with the President
this morning:

1. As you know, the Argentine Government has stated its
intention to release 342 political prisoners. The President would
like you to acknowledge this and express his gratification to the
Argentine Government when they have released the prisoners.

2. At the same time, the President would like the State
Department, on background to the press, to acknowledge this action
by the Argentine Government and express the President's gratification.

3. The President would like it to be a matter of policy to
acknowledge and express gratification for improvements in human
rights once it has been determined that these improvements are
real rather than cosmetic. This should be done not only with the
Government concerned but, on background, with the press.

Zbigniew Brzezinski

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SUBJECT: GOA NOTES HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS

REF: B. A. 04638

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS NOTED RECENT ARGENTINE ACTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE, INCLUDING THE RELEASE OF PERSONS FROM CUSTODY, THE PROCESSING OF CASES IN THE COURTS, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RIGHT OF OPTION MAY BE REINSTITUTED.
2. WHILE THESE ACTIONS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE SECRETARY AT GRENADA AND BY OUR DIRECTOR AT THE WORLD BANK, WE BELIEVE THAT A FURTHER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MAKE THE ARGENTINES AWARE OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THESE AND CONTINUING STEPS TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF THE RULE OF LAW. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THESE 342 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ARE REAL RATHER THAN COSMETIC, THEN THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESS HIS GRATIFICATION.
3. YOU ARE REQUESTED, THEREFORE, TO APPROACH THE GOA AT AN APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVEL AND NOTE THE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS IN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED GOA STEPS AND INQUIRE WHETHER FURTHER INFORMATION COULD BE PROVIDED CONCERNING THESE STEPS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN THE LIST OF 342 PERSONS RELEASED FROM EXECUTIVE CUSTODY HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY FREED. FOR PERSPECTIVE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD. ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE PROCESSED BY FEDERAL AND MILITARY COURTS (I.E., THE 1,000 CASES) AVAILABLE? WHAT ARE THE CHARGES AND SENTENCES? HOW SOON CAN WE EXPECT A DECISION ON THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE RIGHT OF OPTION?
4. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION HOW FAR TO GO IN ELICITING INFORMATION. HOWEVER, WE DO WANT THE GOA TO KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE MEASURES THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED AND WOULD APPRECIATE A MUCH CLEARER INDICATION OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. VANCE

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